An alternative proposal.

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With reference to the proposal I submitted to His Highness yesterday, it has since occurred to me that - an alternative arrangement is possible which will leave His Highness free to - carry out his policy. I make this proposal all the more readily because I - understood from you that His Highness - would like to see me remain here and - work for the State and because, also, I do not want His Highness to feel that, in order to retain my services, he has to surrender any of his own views and - wishes. I have also to bear in mind - that some new schemes have been started in the State through my instrumentality and I may be blamed for leaving them - in an incomplete state.

2. The alternative proposal I - have to make is no other than what I - - made when His Highness was pleased to - offer the appointment of Dewan to me - - more than five years ago, viz., that I may be permitted to take up the position of a Member of the Executive Council. The only difference now is that I want - the appointment to be treated as honorary without any special consideration being shown to me on that account. That is, Government may expect from me the full amount of work expected of an ordinary paid Member.

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3. I may be appointed an Honorary Member of the Executive Council on the following terms:-

(1) Term of employment - Five years (terminable at three months' - notice on either side or whenever His Highness is not - - pleased with the way the - - duties of the office are discharged).

(2) Departments to be in charge -
(a) Public Works, except routine papers.
(b) Railways.
(c) Industries and Commerce.
(d) Economic Conference.

(3) Allowances -
(a) A motor car allowance of - Rs.300 per mensem.
(b) A daily allowance of Rs.10 when out of Bangalore.

(4) Staff - One junior Gazetted officer, preferably an Engineer, as Personal Assistant.

(5) The attendance of the Honorary - Member at ceremonial and other functions should be optional - except when His Highness specially directs.

4. The work in these departments will be quite equal in amount to that - of any ordinary Member of Council. If it falls short, I shall be prepared to take over one or more additional - - departments, if His Highness so wishes. I undertake to do not less than the - amount of work expected from a regular paid Member of Council.

5. I will record my opinions on any subject placed before me but will - not actively interest myself in the -

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policy or measures of Government not - connected with my special work or departments in my charge. I will be - - particularly careful not to take up an attitude hostile to the Dewan for the time being or create embarrassing - - situations for him or for the Government.

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